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This is a request for filing a [x] continuation, [] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 08/689,721, filed August 12, 1996 entitled **DEVICE FOR SUSPENDING A RECORDER AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME** by inventor(s) Andrew M. PERRY.

1. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
2. Small entity status:
 A small entity status statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 7, 9 and 10.

Please add the following new claim:

11. A method for suspending a recorder from a neck of a user using a device that comprises a strap and a ring attached to the strap, the recorder comprising a lower section and an upper section joined at a juncture point, the recorder having a distal end belonging to the lower section and a proximate end belonging to the upper section, the recorder further having a mouthpiece at the proximate end, the upper section having a diameter that increases gradually from the juncture point to the mouthpiece, the ring having an inner diameter larger than the diameter of the upper section at the juncture point, the inner diameter further being smaller than the diameter of the upper section at the mouthpiece, the method comprising the steps of:

suspending the strap from the neck of the user;

pulling the recorder apart at the juncture point, thereby separating the lower section from the upper section;

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